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I. DetailsGeographical Information, Songbung-ni, Ich'on-gun, Kangwon-do:

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1. The three (3) districts of Songbung-ni, Hoesan-ni, and Yongyon-ni, Hakpong-myon, Ich'on-gun were merged to form present Songbung-ni, Ich'on-gun, which includes such villages as Hoesan-ni with about 30 households, Yongyon-dong or popularly called "Yohyon-dong" with about 30 households, Pon-dong (CT 140655) (6529-I) --the main village of Songbung-ni with about 40 households, and Kosong-dong (CT 172673) (6529-I) with 15 households.
2. Transportation facilities in Songbung-ni are so poor that the inhabitants have to walk all the way to Ich'on-up to use vehicles, which is about six (6) kilometers from Pon-dong by highway and 3.8 kilometers by shortcut through mountain passages, and where buses bound for Pokkye or T'osan (Sibyon-ni) are available.
3. Leading installations in the district are located as follows:
  - 1) Songbung-ni People's Committee - CT 142655 (6529-I)
  - 2) Democracy Propaganda Room, adjoining to the east side of the above people's committee.
  - 3) Songbung-ni Party Committee, about 100 meters south from the above people's committee.
  - 4) Consumers' Guild Store - CT 146658 (6529-I)
  - 5) Primary School - CT 135649 (6529-I) in Yohyon-ni.
4. At CT 146658 (6529-I), adjoining to the Consumers' Guild Store, there is situated a private inn, where a number of guests are always observed.
5. This district is controlled by the Songjong-ni Internal Affairs Sub-Station located at CT 097688 (6529-I), about 7.5 kilometers from Pon-dong. The leader of the district self-guard unit lives in front of the primary school. The unit members are mobilized during designated special guard periods when they are stationed at the following points in the district:  

CT 152658	(6529-I)
CT 146658	(6529-I)
CT 141660	(6529-I)
CT 149650	(6529-I)
6. Songbung-ni consists of eight (8) neighborhoods; the 1st and 2nd in Hoesan-ni, the 3rd and 4th in Kosong-dong, the 5th and 6th in Pon-dong, and the 7th and 8th in Yohyon-dong.

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7. Devoid of mines and factories, this district has only two (2) farmers' cooperatives for its economy; the Songbuk Farmers' Cooperative and the Changmibong Farmers' Cooperative. The former, consisting of farmers in Pon-dong and Yohyon-ni, is divided into four (4) work teams, while the latter, organized by farmers in Hoesan-ni and Kosong-dong, has the 5th and 6th work teams.

8. The following personalities may be enumerated for their leading status in the district:

1) Names of Staff Members, Songbung-ni People's Committee:

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|--------------------------|------------|------------------------|
| a) CH'OE Chae-hyng (NTA) | [REDACTED] | 25X1                   |
| Position: Chairman       |            |                        |
| b) CHONG Il-mo (NTA)     | [REDACTED] |                        |
| Position: Chief Clerk    |            |                        |
| c) YI Yong-son (NTA)     | [REDACTED] | 25X1                   |
| 6th Neighborhood         |            | Position: Chief,       |
| d) YI Tu-sam (NTA)       | [REDACTED] |                        |
| 5th Neighborhood         |            | Position: Chief,       |
| e) PAK Chong-to (NTA)    | [REDACTED] |                        |
| Director                 |            | Position: Agricultural |

2) Names of Staff Members, Social & Political Organizations:

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|---|------------|---------------------|
| a) YI Hyong-ch'on (NTA)                                   | [REDACTED] | 25X1                |
| Position: Chairman, District Party Committee              |            |                     |
| b) SIN Yong-chun (NTA)                                    | [REDACTED] | 25X1                |
| District Youth League Committee                           |            | Position: Chairman, |
| c) KIM Ch'il-yong (NTA)                                   | [REDACTED] | 25X1                |
| Position: Chairman, Pon-dong Party Cell Committee         |            |                     |
| d) YI Ha-sam (NTA)  | [REDACTED] | 25X1                |
| Pon-dong Youth League Junior Group                        |            | Position: Chairman, |
| e) SIN Yong-chun (NTA)                                    | [REDACTED] | 25X1                |
| Position: Leader, Self-Guard Unit & Armed Self-Guard Unit |            |                     |

3) Names of Staff Members, Songbuk Farmers' Cooperative:

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|--------------------------------|------------|--|
| a) YI Tu-yon (NTA)             | [REDACTED] | 25X1                                   |
| Committee                      |            | Position: Chairman, Management         |
| b) KIM Ch'il-yong (see above); |            | Position: Member, Management Committee |

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- c) SIN Yong-nak (NTA) [redacted] Position: Member, Management Committee 25X1
- d) KIM Ch'il-yong (see above); Position: Chairman, Inspection Committee
- e) YI Tu-sam (see above); Position: Chief, 1st Work Team
- f) YI Yon-ku (NTA) [redacted] Discharged soldier; Position: Chief, 2nd Work Team 25X1
- g) YI Kwan-ku (NTA) [redacted] Discharged soldier; Position: Chief, 3rd Work Team 25X1
- h) SIN Yong-u (NTA) [redacted] Position: Chief, 4th Work Team
- i) SIN Yong-nak (NTA) [redacted] Position: Chief 6th Work Team 25X1

9. Middle schools, junior and senior, available to young people in Songbungni are all located in Ich'on-up, where the 1st Junior Middle School and Ich'on Senior Middle School are found.

Names of Districts, Ich'on-gun

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10. Songbung-ni, formed out of the merger of Songbung-ni, Hoesan-ni, and Yongyon-dong, Hakpong-myon, Ich'on-gun, with its people's committee located at CT 142655 (6529-I) in the village of Songbung-ni.
11. Simdong-ni, consisting of areas of the former Simdong-ni and Kongsut'an-ni, Hakpong-myon and including such villages as Paego-ri (CT 117603) (6529-I), Songgu (CT 117609) (6529-I), Nodong-ni (CT 110614) (6529-I), and Sang-dong (CT 108637) (6529-II), with its people's committee located at CT 118608 (6529-II).
12. Vnhaengjong-ni, presumably in existence.
13. Sach'ong-ni, presumably a name in use at present.
14. Chyon-ni, formerly part of Hakpong-myon, in present use.
15. Changjae-ri, formerly part of Sannae-myon, born out of the merger of "Norumegi" village (CT 130673) (6529-I), Hakpong-myon and Changjaedong-ni (CT 1168) and Kuiltong-ni (CT 125695), Sannae-myon, with its people's committee located at CT 122683 (6529-I).
16. Songjong-ni, formerly part of Sannae-myon, consisting of former Songjong-ni (CT 100688), Sangha-ri (CT 0868) (6529-I), and Segp-ri (CT 1071) (6529-I)

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17. Changdong-ni, formerly part of Sannae-myon, in present use.
18. Kaech'on-ni, formerly part of Ich'on-myon, formed out of the merger of Kaesang-ni, Kaejung-ni, Kaeha-ri, Ich'on-myon, Ich'on-gun, with its people's committee located at C. 142635 (6529-I).
19. Sinh'ang-ni, resulted from the merger of former Sinh'ang-ni (CT 150603) (6529-II), and Tohwa-dong (Ct 157583) (6529-II), Ich'on-myon.
20. Pisong-ni, formerly part of Ich'on-myon, spreading along the west side of a road leading to a bridge at CT 157613 (6529-I), with its people's committee located at CT 155612 (6529-I).
21. Ch'unong-ni, formerly part of Ich'on-myon, spreading over the area of CT 212585 (6529-II).
22. Ch'onan-ni, formerly part of Ich'on-myon, extending along the east side of a road at CT 160615 (6529-II), with its people's committee located at an unknown place.
23. T'am-ni, formerly part of Ich'on-myon, including Kamyonggol (Ct 165610) (6529-II), definitely in present use.
24. Yongjong-ni, formerly part of Ich'on-myon, south of the mountain hill, Songnanghyon (CT 145580) (6529-II).
25. Hoesan-ni, formerly part of Ich'on-myon, the entire area of CT 193607 (6529-II).
26. Sindang-ni, formerly part of Ich'on-myon, the entire area of CT 179613 (6529-II).
27. Mundong-ni, formerly part of Yangp'o-myon, the entire area of CT 217710 (6529-II).
28. Mun'ang-ni, formerly part of Yangp'o-myon, embracing Paenam-gol (CT 230643) (6529-I) and Mun'ang-ni (CT 245652) (6529-I).
29. Soncho-ri, formerly part of Hakpung-myon, the area of Ct 120597 (6529-II).
30. Sanjong-ni, a new district whose location is unknown.
31. Konsol-li, embracing Namjwa-ri over CT 2562 (6529-I).

Kukhwa-ri, Changp'ung-gun:

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32. Areas of CT 060143 and CT 071148 (6528-II) belong to Kukhwa-ri, Changp'ung-gun.

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I. DetailsSecurity Measures, Ich'on-gun:

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1. Songjong Internal Affairs Sub-Station: Located at CT 097688 on the northern side of a road leading to the village of Songjong-ni, this sub-station occupies a newly-built structure and controls the three (3) districts of Songjong-ni, Changjae-ri, and Songbung-ni.
2. Luring Internal Affairs Sub-Station: This sub-station was located at CT 213636 on the southern side of the road, occupying a structure originally built this purpose.
3. Security Control in Ich'on-gun: In the area of Songbung-ni (CT 1466), Ich'on-gun, there was organized a self-defense unit, including an armed self-defense unit. However, their activities were rarely observed around the area except during special guard periods usually before and after national festivals such as the People's Armed Forces Foundation Day (8 February), Liberation Day (15 August), and Day Day (1 May), and other designated periods. During such periods, members of the above units were stationed at the following guard posts around the area for 24 hours:

CT 152658 Northern end of the newly-build bridge.  
 CT 146658 Crossroad  
 CT 141660 Western end of the bridge.  
 CT 149650 Crossroad

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4. Internal Affairs Sub-Station: There was located an unknown internal affairs sub-station at CT 069151 under a mountain on the eastern side of the crossroad, occupying a structure originally build for this purpose.
5. Check Points in Changp'ung-gun: In Changp'ung-gun, there were observed two (2) check points, one located at CT 0817 and the other at CT 070097. The former was stationed by a member of a patrol unit, checking every vehicle and people passing by. The latter, situated along a road leading to the northern demarcation line, had a barbed wire gate, through which every person entering the demarcation line was requested to pass.
6. General Description of Security Control and Residence near Demilitarized Zone (Changp'ung-gun): There are some civilian residents in the neighborhood of Koy-p-tong (Ct 035097), but none further south. Around CT 055104 further east there were about 15 households, scattering around the area where outsiders were seldom met. Military personnel stationed around the area were strictly prohibited from contacting inhabitants. Any civilian approaching military installations was to be apprehended and escorted to the company headquarters. Upon most hills around the area,

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military barracks were observed. As such, most villagers made it a rule to go along main roads, keeping from the mountains. Even when they had to go up on mountains to collect firewood, they avoided approaching the barracks. Any outsider discovered in a mountain was invariably arrested.

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